



Atty. Docket No. 8062-1003

PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Minoru SETO et al.

Serial No. 09/806,382

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METHOD OF CONTROLLING
SECRETION OF GRANULES

Confirmation No. 6829

GROUP 1653

Examiner Samuel W. Liu

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of October 22, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning on line 22,
bridging page 3, as follows:

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-However, the mechanism of secretion of neutrophil
granules is not yet elucidated at present. An increase in the
calcium concentration in neutrophils is known to be indispensable
for secretion of granules. However, no molecules which are
activated by an increase in the calcium concentration and induce
granule secretion are known. Therefore, there have been no
specific neutrophil secretion inhibitors developed so far, nor
any genetic therapy targeting the inhibition of neutrophil
secretion inhibitors practiced. F--.

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